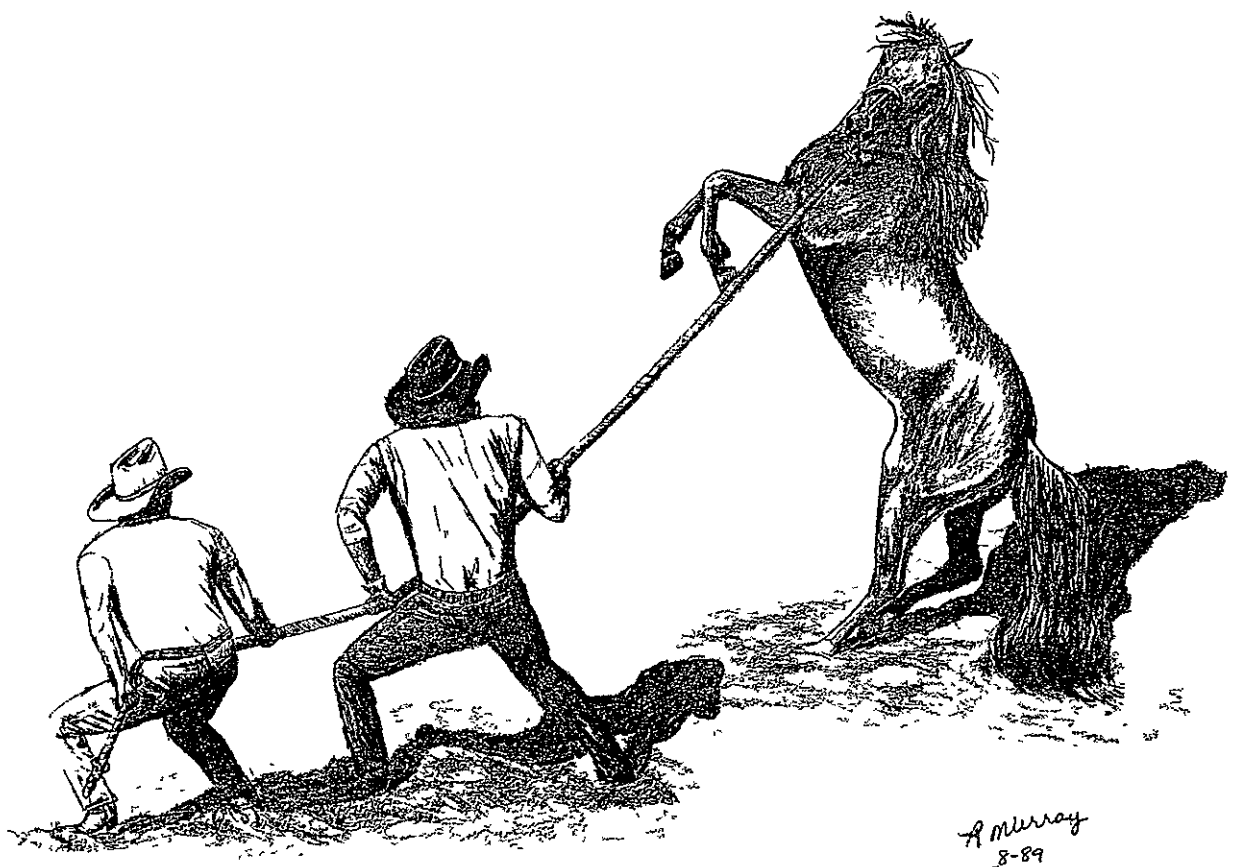


Appendix M

LAND OWNERSHIP



APPENDIX M LAND OWNERSHIP ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE

Landownership patterns can be changed over time through exchanges of National Forest System land for land of other ownerships, through direct purchase of land (usually with Land and Water Conservation Funds), through donation to the Forest Service, and through transfers with other Federal agencies. This plan establishes guidance for landownership adjustments during the plan period. These adjustments will further the objectives of the Forest Plan and result in a landownership pattern that best accommodates the direction contained in this Forest Plan.

National Forest System lands and certain lands in other ownerships within and surrounding the Forest have been classified and priorities for acquisition or exchange with the intent of eventually achieving the best land ownership pattern for Forest Plan implementation. All lands so classified have been placed in one of the following groups.

Group 1

These are lands where Congress has either directly or indirectly instructed the Forest Service to retain ownership and acquire non-Federal lands for a designated National purpose. The objective for Group I lands is to retain existing ownership and acquire the remaining lands as indicated by Congressional direction. Acquisition of less than fee title will be considered if direction and land management objectives can be met.

Examples on the Malheur National Forest of Group I lands are the Strawberry Mountain and Monument Rock Wildernesses.

Group 2

These lands have been recognized for a special kind of management and are allocated to meet specific purpose. They include Special Interest Areas, Research Natural Areas, and other areas with specific designated management objectives such as recreation management, fish and wildlife protection, visual quality, watershed protection. The objective for Group II lands is to retain existing ownership and acquire private lands as the opportunity or need occurs. Acquisition of less than fee title will be considered if direction and land management objectives can be met.

Examples of Group 2 lands on the Malheur National Forest include the Cedar Grove Botanical Area, and the Vinegar Hill - Indian Rock Scenic Area.

Group 3

Lands in this group are in areas where management objectives would be similar whether the lands are in public or private ownership. National Forest System lands in this group will generally be available for exchange unless disposition would break up contiguous blocks of Federal ownership. Areas of mixed private and Federal ownership are included with the objective of rearranging ownership patterns to benefit management efficiency for both ownerships. These lands will usually provide most of the land considered in exchange projects.

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Group 4

These lands include small isolated tracts of National Forest System land situated away from contiguous blocks of Federal land and private lands that are managed for intensive uses such as agriculture, residential subdivision, or industrial development. Federal lands in this group will normally be made available for disposal in land exchanges to acquire private lands in Group 1, 2, and 3. Private lands in this group are generally not available and will normally not be acquired by the Forest Service.

Group 5

These are lands which need more intensive study and planning before landownership decisions can be made. Land acquisition and disposal decisions will be deferred until the needed studies have been completed.

Private lands in Group 1, 2, and 3, respectively, have the highest priorities for acquisition to meet National Forest management needs. National Forest System lands in Group 4 and 3, respectively, have the highest priority for disposal in exchange for private lands.

Shown below are approximate acres of Malheur National Forest lands in Groups 3 and 4 for disposition and private lands in Groups 1, 2, and 3 for acquisition:

Ownership	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Available National Forest System Land	N/A	N/A	168,000	22,000
Private land considered for acquisition	650	15,000	58,120	N/A

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Table M-1 displays the relationship of the management areas to the landownership groups.

TABLE M-1
Management Areas and Land Ownership Groups

Management Area	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
1 - General Forest			X	X	X
2 - Rangeland			X	X	X
3A- Non-Anadromous Riparian Areas		X	X	X	X
3B- Anadromous Riparian Areas		X	X	X	X
4A - Big-Game Winter Range		X	X	X	X
5 - Bald Eagle Winter Roosts		X			X
6A - Strawberry Mountain Wilderness	X				
6B - Monument Rock Wilderness	X				
7 - Scenic Area		X			
8 - Special Interest Areas		X			
9 - Research Natural Areas	X	X			
10 - Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized		X			X
11 - Semi-Primitive Motorized		X			X
12 - Developed Recreation Sites		X			
13 - Old-Growth Habitat		X	X	X	X
14 - Visual Corridors		X	X	X	X
16 - Minimum Level		X	X	X	X
17 - Byram Gulch Municipal Supply Watershed		X			
18 - Long Creek Municipal Supply Watershed		X			
19 - Administrative Sites		X			
20A- Dry Cabin Wildlife Emphasis Area With Scheduled Harvest			X		X
20B- Utey Butte Wildlife Emphasis Area With Scheduled Timber Harvest			X	X	X
21- Wildlife Emphasis With Non-Scheduled Timber Harvest		X	X		X
22- Wild and Scenic River	X				

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Landownership adjustment projects permitted through this Forest Plan are subject to environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act process as they are planned for implementation and will be on a willing seller/buyer basis whenever possible. If the environmental analysis for a project shows that: (1) the *management area prescriptions and standards can be complied with*, and (2) little or no environmental effects are expected beyond those identified and documented in the Forest Plan Final EIS, the analysis will probably result in a categorical exclusion. An analysis file and/or a project file will be available for public review, but the analysis will not necessarily be documented in the form of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Shown below is schedule of acres to be adjusted by year for the first decade. Outputs in individual years may be significantly different from those shown, depending upon final budgets and proponents ability and desire to provide negotiated levels of cooperation:

	ACRES ADJUSTED BY FISCAL YEAR									
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Thousand Acres	1.8	1.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

